

# A. Themes and Draft Goals

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## Citizen Topic Group: Community Character

As part of Imagine Columbia's Future, Citizen Topic Groups reviewed the ideas for the future generated by the public, identified subtopics for organizing these ideas, formed subtopic groups, identified themes emerging from the ideas, and generated draft subtopic goals that reflect that aspirations of the community. These draft goals will be presented to the public at the April 4<sup>th</sup> Exploring the Vision Workshop for feedback.

This document includes all of the output that has been received from your Citizen Topic Group (CTG) to this point. The first one to two pages list your agreed-upon subtopics, draft goals for each subtopic, and notes from the consultant that offer an overall assessment of the work of your CTG. The following pages provide a record of the work of each subtopic group, including identified themes, draft goal statements, and any preliminary strategies or notes that the subtopic group has submitted. (Minutes have not been included.) Any gaps in this information indicate that the consultant has not received all of your group's output.

The draft goals have been revised by ACP-Visioning and Planning, Ltd. for clarity and consistency, as necessary. The original goal and ACP's suggested revisions are clearly designated in the material provided for each subtopic. In cases where no draft goals were submitted, ACP prepared draft goals using the themes provided by the subtopic group as a guide. At the third CTG meeting, subtopic groups will review these draft goals, and will have the opportunity to accept, revise, or rewrite them.

## Agreed Upon Subtopics

1. Community Appearance
2. Historic Preservation
3. Revitalization

## Draft Goals by Subtopic

The following draft goals were developed by the Citizen Topic Group, and have been edited by the consultant for consistency and clarity when necessary.

### **Community Appearance**

Columbia will preserve its existing character and enhance the city's natural and man-made aesthetics.

### **Historic Preservation**

Historic areas will be identified, valued, and preserved through education, enforcement, and incentives.

### **Revitalization**

In the future, Columbia will utilize and enforce urban planning designs to promote walking, screen for noise, and increase a spirit of community, and will provide and advertise incentives for restoring neighborhoods with abandoned substandard structures.

## Notes/Assessment by ACP – Visioning and Planning, Ltd.

- Generally, the Community Character group is doing very well.
- All subtopics are well positioned to begin working on strategies.

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Sub-Topic: Community Appearance

## **Original List of Themes from Kick-off**

1. Underground Utilities
2. Increase Treescape / Landscape (Public)
3. Preserve Existing Character
4. Aesthetic City Entry

## **Revised List of Themes from Citizen Topic Group Meeting #2**

1. Preserve Existing Character
2. Aesthetics
  - a. Underground Utilities
  - b. Increase Treescape / Landscape / Community Gardens

## **Draft Goal**

Preserve Columbia's existing character and enhance the city's natural and man-made aesthetics.

## **Suggested Revision from ACP – Visioning and Planning, Ltd.**

Columbia will preserve its existing character and enhance the city's natural and man-made aesthetics.

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Sub-Topic: Historic Preservation

## **Original List of Themes from Kick-off**

1. Identify Historic Areas
2. Historic Preservation Use
3. Value
4. Save and Protect
5. Educate Public
6. Resources for Enforcement

## **Draft Goal**

Historic areas will be identified, valued, and preserved through education, enforcement, and incentives.

## **Suggested Revision from ACP – Visioning and Planning, Ltd.**

No changes. Great goal.

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Sub-Topic: Revitalization

## **Original List of Themes from Kick-off**

1. Resources for enforcement
2. Address abandoned properties
3. Incentives
4. Revitalization areas/neighborhoods
5. Eliminate substandard structures

## **Draft Goal**

In the future, Columbia will utilize and enforce urban planning designs to promote walking, screen for noise, increase a spirit of community and will provide and advertise incentives for restoring neighborhoods with abandoned substandard structures.

## **Suggested Revision from ACP – Visioning and Planning, Ltd.**

In the future, Columbia will utilize and enforce urban planning designs to promote walking, screen for noise, and increase a spirit of community, and will provide and advertise incentives for restoring neighborhoods with abandoned substandard structures.